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EDITORIAL

The city council of Milwaukee has appointed a committee to find out why the boys and girls of that city are so bad—and the New York Herald suggests that it may be because the beer is so good!

The well of the Roswell Oil Co. was hot last week, the explosive used being nitro-glycerine. The result, while not definitely determined yet, is encouraging. In the opinion of the expert the well will yield at least ten barrels of low grade fuel oil per day.

Governor Hagerman has appointed W. G. Hamilton a regent of the New Mexico Military Institute in place of W. M. Reed, whose term has expired. Mr. Reed's duties call him away from Roswell the greater part of the year and he was not an applicant for reappointment. Mr. Hamilton's selection meets with general approval.

Governor Hagerman returned to the Capital last night from Roswell and other points in the Pecos Valley, where he has been visiting since the final adjournment of the legislature. He spent most of the time as the guest of his parents, Hon. and Mrs. J. J. Hagerman, at the S. 4th Springs Ranch. He was accompanied here by his brother, Percy Hagerman, of Colorado Springs, who will be a guest for a few days at the executive residence.—New Mexican.

For a number of years the men of the southwest have agreed that it would be a good thing to suitably mark the line of the Old Santa Fe Trail all the way from its start, near Kansas City, Missouri, to its finish at the old city of Santa Fe, in New Mexico. It has remained for the women of Kansas and Colorado to take the matter up in a practical way.

The Kansas branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution has raised a fund of several hundred dollars which was supplemented in 1905 by a liberal legislative appropriation.

Seventy granite markers have already been purchased and will be put in place at points along the trail this year. The intention is ultimately to put three markers two miles apart all the way through Kansas. A few localities have purchased more expensive bronze tablets made from a Kansas City artist's design.

The Colorado branch D. A. R. is planning for a similar marking of the trail through that state. No doubt New Mexico will take it up in due course.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, whose steel rails follow for the most part the line of the old wagon trail, has decided to help the good work along, beginning this summer in Kansas, by erecting special monuments at important points and by installing wayside signs which can be seen from the passing trains.—Chronicle-News.

New Mexico will no doubt gladly join the above plan and stud the historic trail with markers that future generations may know the path our pioneers have trod.

FEDERAL INTERPOSITION IN STRIKES.

Considerable relief was felt in the business world at the announcement contained in yesterday morning's press dispatches that the threatened strike on the western railroads had been averted. In arriving at a final settlement the trainmen abandoned their demand for a nine-hour work day, while the railroads made an advance in their previous proposition in the pay of brakemen, baggage men and flagmen. The whole incident is but another evidence of the possibility of settling wage disputes when the question is approached in the proper spirit by the parties in disagreement. It is a forcible testimonial to the advantage of workmen's unions when these organizations are controlled by conservatism and fair-mindedness.

This satisfactory agreement was reached principally through the efforts of Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Chairman Neill of the United States labor commission. It is a vindication of the new idea of intervention by federal authorities to prevent a strike.

Heretofore, they have waited until the strike had been called and conditions of public riot and disorder warranted the use of military forces to protect life and property. President Roosevelt took a step in advance of this idea when in 1902 he forced arbitration to bring a settlement in the anthracite coal fields of the east. This last step of the interstate commerce commission went even farther and the success which attended its efforts will operate to warrant a continuation of the plan.

While action of this character had never been taken before there has been legal authority for it since 1898 when a federal statute was enacted containing the following clause:

"Whenever a controversy concerning wages, hours of labor or conditions of employment shall arise between a carrier subject to this act and the employees of such carrier, seriously interrupting or threatening to interrupt the business of said carrier, the chairman of the interstate commerce commission and the commissioner of labor shall, upon the request of either party to the controversy, with all practicable expedition, put themselves in communication with the parties to such controversy, and shall use their best efforts by mediation and conciliation, to amicably settle the same, and if such efforts shall be unsuccessful, shall at once endeavor to bring about an arbitration of such controversy in accordance with the provisions of this act."

That the provisions of the law should be speedily and vigorously invoked is a matter of gratification, but that it should have resulted in such a happy conclusion is cause for even greater congratulation.—Pueblo Chieftain.

About Thomas Ward.

From the Raton Range.

The following letter asking for information concerning Thomas Ward, has been received at this office. Persons who can give any information are requested to notify this office:

Range, Raton, New Mexico.

Information is desired by friends here concerning the death and distribution of the estate of one Thomas Ward, who died down in your country sometime during the past year. That's pretty indefinite, brother. That's why I am writing you. It's information that we need. Did you ever hear of Ward? Where did he live? What became of his estate? I understand that that he left considerable property which he had amassed by reason of fortunate mining investments down in your wonderfully rich country. I am writing this letter in a Good Samaritan way for a nephew of Ward who is living here. They do not know where he lived. They do not know that he really left much property. They only know that Thomas Ward is dead. In order to find out about him I am writing to all the leading papers in New Mexico. Naturally you have a place foremost in this list.

With kind personal regards, thanking you in advance for any information you can give me and promising to do a like service for you if any of your relatives should get drowned up here in one of the many lakes surrounding our state, believe me

Fraternal yours,
H. A. HOPKINS.

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Will Leave Soon.

From the Raton Range.

Miss Margaret Walsh, who has been nurse in charge of the Miners hospital will leave about May first for Wees Beach, Canada, on the shore of Lake Huron, where she will spend the summer with her sister and her family.

Grand Jury Has Finally Adjourned

Returned Twenty-one True Bills from a Total of Thirty-five Cases Examined

To the Honorable William J. Mills, chief justice of the supreme court of the territory of New Mexico, and judge of the Fourth Judicial district, sitting within and for Colfax county, New Mexico:

Sir—The grand jury, for the county of Colfax, at the March term, A. D., 1907, beg leave to submit the following report.

We have been in session ten days, the time allowed us by law, and during that period of time we have examined into thirty-five cases and have returned twenty-one true bills.

We have carefully examined the condition of the county property and we find that the court house needs a very general overhauling; that the north side of the court house needs a new foundation or under pinning, and that the building also needs a new roof.

We recommend a new vault for the treasurer's office, and that all the woodwork in all of the vaults be removed and the same be replaced by steel fixtures.

At the beginning of our session, upon investigation, we found there were twenty six prisoners confined in the county jail, and as instructed by Your Honor, we immediately commenced the investigation of the charges against all prisoners therein confined and we returned true bills in all cases where we deemed the evidence to be sufficient.

We find that the jail is too small, and we would recommend that additional cells be placed therein, and that the old part of the jail be remodeled throughout, and new cells placed therein, making the same as modern as the new portion of the jail, and we would further recommend that if it is possible to do so, a jail yard be provided for the exercise of the prisoners. We find that the jail is well kept; that it is clean and its sanitary condition is excellent, all of which reflects credit upon the sheriff and jailer.

We have examined the records of all county officials and find the same well and neatly kept.

We have carefully inquired into the collections of licenses and find the same are well paid up, and we find that the sheriff has done his whole duty in collecting liquor and gambling taxes, and that there is not a single delinquent.

We have examined some of the records of justices of the peace, and find that the same are not kept in accordance with the statutes of the territory and we would recommend that steps be taken to require such public officers to keep a record or docket of all cases coming before them, with each step taken therein, and the disposition of each case, and that all cases be numbered consecutively in a docket to be kept by such officials, that this record show the amount of each fine collected and the disposition of the same.

We also find that the justices of the peace in Raton treat some territorial cases as city cases, and attempt to collect fines, on behalf of the city, particularly in the matter of the carrying of deadly weapons; and we would recommend that some action be taken to compel these officials to follow the territorial statute in this and every other respect. We find that a city ordinance exists in Raton providing a minimum fine of ten dollars for the carrying of deadly weapons, which we are advised as contrary to the statutes of the territory, and we believe that the city council has no power to curtail or minimize a statutory penalty for any offense committed in violation of a territorial statute, and that such action has a tendency to encourage rather than to prevent crime of this character and nature.

We also find that a great many people, belonging to the lowest element in the entire territory, are allowed to practice their nefarious calling in what is known as the "red-light district" in East Raton, and that as a result frequent robberies from the person, assault, shooting and cutting affrays and similar crimes occur in this particularly locality; and we believe that this state of affairs exists because of the lax enforcement of the laws of the city government and territorial statutes.

We find that the city peace officers

are allowed to collect fines, without any court procedure, and further to retain whatever they claim as their costs and fees, without any judicial procedure, or the adjudication thereof by any court, but that the same is done by what is commonly known as the "standing-up process," or "self-adjudication" of the offense these officials charge persons with, and upon the collection of the fines they liberate the persons they have so arrested without bringing them before any court.

We find that the Sunday law is being very generally observed throughout our county.

Having concluded our labors, with thanks to the court and its officers for courtesies extended, we respectfully ask to be discharged. Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ALLISON, Foreman.
A. H. OFFICER, Secretary.
Raton, N. M., April 4, 1907.

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F. A. Haimbaugh

Cimarron, New Mexico.